

<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Application Number</td> <td>09/629,321</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filing Date</td> <td>07/31/00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Named Inventor</td> <td>Hill, Thomas C. et al.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group Art Unit</td> <td>2684</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examiner Name</td> <td>Muore, James</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attorney Docket Number</td> <td>PF01869NA</td> </tr> </table>	Application Number	09/629,321	Filing Date	07/31/00	First Named Inventor	Hill, Thomas C. et al.	Group Art Unit	2684	Examiner Name	Muore, James	Attorney Docket Number	PF01869NA
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
 Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to  
 May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d)  
 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to  
 Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000).  
 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114
  - a. ☒ Previously submitted
    - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously  
 filed on 10/17/03 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously  
 filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☐ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. ☐ Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under  
 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required.)
  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. ☒ Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
 Deposit Account No. 502117
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(c)
    - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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